

ICTA to empower Western Province government officers

Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), has launched a project which is targeted at making an e-literate public sector workforce. This project will be inaugurated by ICTA at the Colombo District Secretariat on 2nd May 2006.

they will be given a practical training on various computer applications and their specific usages. At the completion of phase three, the trainees will be eligible to sit for the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Examination and obtain a recognized certification.

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Sinhala, Tamil translation web site debuts

President Mahinda Rajapaksa recently launched a new web site for online Sinhala and Tamil translation. Here Mr Rajapaksa kicks off the web site. Sampath Godamunne Director of Science Land Corporation, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Chairman Newton Gunaratne are also present. The President is also presented with a memento.



Sri Lankan undergraduates crave for MS

Imagine Cup 2006

An overwhelming response from Sri Lankan students to Microsoft's Imagine Cup competition has helped propel Sri



Microsoft chairman Bill Gates adjusts his glasses as he addresses the American Society of Newspaper Editors annual convention, Friday, April 28, 2006, in Seattle. Sounding like a doctor who's found a cure for a terminal disease, Gates told the ball-

Trailblitz Company in Sri Lanka has been selected to conduct the aforesaid training to the employees of the Colombo District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats.

Re-engineering the government to serve the public with enhanced productivity and efficiency would pave the way to a new dimension of the government service. One of the key functions in this process is to empower the human re-

sources with ICT skills thereby ensuring the availability of skilled human resources to make e-Sri Lanka a reality.

On the other hand it is expected to increase the transparency and the accountability of the public sector by developing an ICT culture in government institutions. In addition, this will generate the required ICT skills to facilitate the general public with easy accessibility to

the information network of government services and to create a common window to access such information. The ultimate objective of the project is to develop an efficient public sector which could deliver services on time to the citizens.

This project unfolds itself as one of the several that will be initiated during the implementation of the e-Sri Lanka project.

MillenniumIT named top Cisco partner

Millennium Information Technologies (MillenniumIT), Sri Lanka's flagship information-technology company, has received special recognition from Cisco Systems, the world's leading supplier of network equipment and solutions.

At a special ceremony in Colombo, India recently, Cisco Systems, a US-based company whose technology supports much of the Internet, recognized MillenniumIT with the award for "Top Sales Achievement in the SAARC Region".

Reflecting on the significance of this award, Damith Hewittha, head of MillenniumIT's Network Solutions Business said: "We are thrilled to have bagged this award because we were up against some of the larger Cisco Partners outside Sri Lanka. Our focus has been on providing world-class network solutions to our customers and we have invested heavily in top quality engineering resources to build and support these networks. I am glad our strategy is paying off."

Cisco also acknowledged MillenniumIT's commitment to provide high-quality customer



Peter D'Almeida (Head of Millennium Enterprise & Service Provider Business) (front-left) and Dr. Anurath Amarasinghe, Chief Operating Officer of MillenniumIT (front-right) exiting the Chinese Vice Minister of Information Industry (MII) Mr. Lou Qunliang (front-centre) and the delegation on a site tour of MillenniumIT.

Networks (NGNs), was highly skilled engineers who can respond quickly and effectively to solve a problem. Dishan is one of our top engineers and I am very proud he has been singled out for this recognition."

In addition, for the third year running, MillenniumIT, Cisco's only Premier Select Partner in Sri Lanka, won the "Best Cisco Partner in Sri Lanka" award. Presenting the award, Mr. Vivek Singh, National Manager, Reseller Channel, Cisco Systems India and SAARC stated: "Con-

net) services, over a single line, to commercial enterprises and the general residential public. MillenniumIT has helped Sri Lanka Telecom, MTT Networks and Suntel three of Sri Lanka's largest telecom operators (or Service Providers, as they are known today, since they provide more than just telephony services) to deploy such networks. "In the past few years there has been a significant fall in revenue from plain old telephony services," said Damith. "With converged